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DETACHMENT "H"

4 August 1971

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

H-50-1 This SOP supercedes H-50-2 dated 31 July 1970 and replaces H-50-1 dated 15 July 1970 which is rescinded.

SCHEDULING OF FLYING TRAINING

1. PURPOSE: To establish the procedures to be followed during the Scheduling of Detachment Flying Training.
2. SCOPE: This SOP is applicable to the Scheduling of all U-2 aircraft flying activities.
3. RESPONSIBILITY: The Director of Operations is responsible for adherence to the provisions of this SOP.
4. GENERAL: Flying schedules will be based on the following desired criteria:
 - a. Mission pilots, should normally be scheduled for a minimum of three sorties and ten hours per month in order to accomplish a proportionate share of quarterly requirements. One sortie per month will be a high level sortie. The remainder of the time can be flown in any combination of high or low level sorties.
 - b. Other U-2 qualified pilots will be scheduled to fly a proportionate share of their annual flying hour requirements IAW AFM 60-1.
5. PROCEDURES: The following procedures will be adhered to for all U-2 flying at Detachment "H":
 - a. Weekly Intent Schedule: A formal weekly scheduling meeting will be held each Friday morning in the D/O's Office. Personnel in attendance will be D/O, [REDACTED] D/M, Avionics and Special Equipment. Pilot and equipment flying requirements will dictate the type and number of sorties programmed for the following week. When possible a four and one half day flying schedule will be proposed (Mon-Fri noon) with Friday reserved for make-up due to earlier cancellations. Prior to publication of the weekly schedule the D/O will review the schedule with the Detachment Commander for his approval.

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	ACT	INFO
DFA		✓
PLANS		
AMS		✓
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IDEA	✓	
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Daily Scheduling: A daily flying schedule will be published in accordance with the schedule format for the next days flying activity. The proposed schedule shall be coordinated with [REDACTED] or his representative and the Director of Materiel.

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The schedule will then be presented to the Detachment Commander for review prior to publication. This schedule will be based on the weekly intent, adjusted in accordance with aircraft and pilot availability, in order to meet the established commitment. The Director of Operations shall insure publication of the schedule within two (2) hours after completion of flying activity on the day preceding or by 1600 hours on the day preceding, whichever is earlier.

- c. Maintenance Sorties: The Director of Materiel will notify the Director of Operations of required maintenance sorties for inclusion on the daily flight schedule.
- d. Schedule Changes: The Director of Operations or his representative will make all schedule changes after coordination with the Detachment Commander. In the absence of the Detachment Commander coordination will be effected with the acting Manager.

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Detachment Commander

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